the domestic services of Indian carriers to Gaya. Moreover, they can also fly directly to Gaya on charter flights.

Vision – 2020

900. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the Vision–2020 document prepared by his Ministry for aviation sector;

(b) whether it is a fact that consolidation of Indian Aviation Sector is taking place very rapidly;

(c) whether the document has been approved by Cabinet; and

(d) if so, what would be its impact on the fares and passenger traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a), (c) to (d) The National Civil Aviation Policy is presently under consideration of a Group of Ministers (GoM).

(b) A process of consolidation is taking place in airline industry which is considered a normal industry phenomenon.

Entry of Pawan Hans in regional airline market

901. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that PSU Pawan Hans is exploring plans to enter regional airline market with a fleet of small fixed wing aircrafts that can seat about 20 passengers;

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that up-coming districts in tribal belt of Vidarbha, like Yavatmal, are given first preference for introducing such a service; and

(c) whether subsidy is also given to Pawan Hans if they find that the route is not initially viable as is being done in North East districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) has submitted Expression of Interest to North Eastern Council for running passenger services using small Fixed Wing aircraft in response to their advertisement for the same.

(b) and (c) At present, PHHL has no plan for introducing services by small Fixed Wing aircraft in Vidarbha.